Collection No. 71

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Acridid Notes

Murchison R. area, W.A.

Box 1

18·10·55 to Mt. Magnet via Wubin.

Wubin 45896

45990. Eucalypts & acacias with sparse shrubs on fairly bare sandy soil. Some dried grass and herbs. Goniaceа sp.

✓ 2 acridids, 1 scarab.

19·10·55

started from same spot, reading 991.

Rabbit fence 46001.

46016.

Sclerophyll woodland with eucalypt trees and some Acacias, etc. a small amount of grass and herbs. Plenty of bare soil. Pardillana sp., Goniaceа sp., Genus nov. 42(?), Caperrala sp., Apotropis sp., Genus nov. 31, Buforania sp.

✓ 19 Acridids, 2 flies

031 Goniaceа sp., Pardillana sp., Buforania sp., Urnisa guttulosa, Caperrala sp., similar community to preceding. Pespulia sp., Apotropis sp., Genus nov. 42(?), Austroicetes arida, Morabа sp.

✓ 17 Acridids, 2 flies.

043

Eucalypt Woodland with fair amount of grass.

✓ 13 A. cruciata ♂♂ taken for cytological purposes. 2 tubes of fixed testes both labelled "WA-6" Austroicetes cruciata

077

Fairly typical mulga scrub community with a little dry grass and herbs. Austroicetes arida, A. cruciata, Chotoicetes terminifera, Aylota sp., Genus nov. 42(?), Caperrala sp., Buforania sp.

✓ 16 Acridids, 2 beetles.

Box 4.

078. 20-10-55

Apotropis sp., Azelota sp., Lomiaca sp., Caperala sp.
Patch of eucalypt woodland with a good covering of dried grass. Some bare soil.

✓9 Acridids

Paynes Find 086.

101.

Caperala sp., Paspulia sp., Genus nov. 42(?), Macrolobalia sp.,
Mulga scrub community of typical pattern but having a few scattered scraggy eucalypts.
Lomiaca sp., Buforania sp., Chirokepica sp., Urnisa guttulosa,
Apotropis sp., Azelota sp., Austroicetes arida

✓22 Acridids.

108

(open woodland) Corphistes sp., Urnisa guttulosa, Austroicetes
Eucalypt trees and various shrubs along a broad shallow
Cruciata, Pycnostictus seriatus, Azelota sp.
watercourse. Fair covering of green grass and herbs.

✓12 Acridids.

116.

a few battered mulgas and other acacias and an odd eucalypt.
Buforania sp.
Pretty bare stony soil.

✓1 Buforania

Mt. Magnet 177 → Geraldton via Yalgoo.

Back along road up to Yalgoo turnoff [179]

202

Urnisa guttulosa, Pycnostictus seriatus, Genus nov. 6(?),
Mulga community, shrubs and trees somewhat sparser than usual.
Austroicetes arida
Thin cover of dried grass and flowering herbs.

✓5 Acridids

207
Capesala sp., Urnisa guttulosa
Mulga scrub badly overgrazed. Practically no ground cover.
✓ 2 Acridids.

21-10-55
210. Large area of green grass (chiefly Stipa) and some herbs.
Pycnostictus Striatus, Urnisa guttulosa
Urnisa only common acridid.
✓ 6 Acridids, 7 flies.

Edah Siding 227.

228.
Austroicetes pusilla, Ephippitettix quadrilobus, Austroicetes
Mulga scrub with a little dried grass and much bare soil
terminifera, Genus nov. Austroicetes, Eyprepocnemis 42(?), Austroicetes cruciata,
Most of the Acridids (all the Austroicetes) taken on a patch of open ground
A. arida, Pycnostictus seriatus
which has been flooded and has a sparse cover of drying off
seeding grass and herbs.
✓ 25 Acridids
7 ? A. pusilla ♂♂ testes fixed. Tube labelled "WA-7".
Last 7 insects in this row.

Yalgoo 258.
Rabbit fence 262.

266. Limestone country with Melaleucas and Acacias (not mulga type)
Austroicetes cruciata, A. arida, Urnisa guttulosa, Pycnostictus seriatus
practically no ground cover. A little grass and herbs in a spot
where water has lain. All grasshoppers from here.
✓ 4 Acridids.

Wuraga 285

289.
Genus nov. 31, Conicera sp., Apotropis sp., Austroicetes arida, A. cruciata,
A fairly typical mulga scrub community with a fair understratum
Genus nov. 42(?), Capesala sp., Buforacia sp., Chrotogonica sp., Perpusia sp.
of dried grass. A few eucalypts, the first seen on this road since Magnet.
✓ 2 Acridids in this box.

Series continued in next Box. (No. 3)

Box 3.

289 (series continued from Box 4).

√22 Acridids. in this box.

294

Eucalypts and Acacias in about equal proportions. Fair understratum of shrubs and dried grass. Apotropis sp., Gonioea sp., Ulmisa guttulosa

√7 Acridids.

307.

Sclerophyll woodland. Eucalypts and shrubs. Some dried grass in patches mostly bare soil. Gonioea sp., Genus nov. 42(i), Austroicetes cruciata

√5 Acridids, 1 wasp.

22.10.55

Pindar 317.

322. Eucalypt trees

√1 Acridid. Gonioea sp.

402. Left Geraldton → North west coastal highway

416. Caperala sp., Gonioea sp., Heteroptermis of accredita, Austroicetes cruciata
Tall green grass among river gums and jam trees along a creek.

√6 Acridids.

Northampton 434.

451. Patch of mallee with shrubs and green grass - a small island in a largely cultivated area. Genus nov. 42(i), Caperala sp., Gonioea sp., Austroicetes cruciata

√6 Acridids 1 beetle.

23·10·55

Binnu 461.

Murchison River 477.

480. Eucalypt trees with some shrubs and dried grass understratum. Compositae sp.

1 acridid.

483. Typical sand-plain shrub community Genus nos. 48

1 acridid

Tank 8. 508.

519.

Mallee community with shrubs and Ironisiella sp. a fair amount of bare sand.

4 acridids, 8 scarabs.

24·10·55

521

Patch of grey-brown soil on limestone with eucalypt trees, nearly all dead. Fair dry grass, Rhodocoma capensis & herbs understratum. Some shrubs.

4 acridids

Tank 7. 531

541. Mallee acacias with a dry grass & herbs understratum. Ursinia gutturosa Capensall sp.

An occasional eucalypt.

3 acridids.

545. Small island of sparse eucalypt trees on low red sandhill isolated in a general mulga community. Plenty of acacias some dried grass and herbs.
Compositae sp., Senecio nov. 42(?), Ucnisa guttulosa, Caparrala sp.
4 acridids

Tank 6. 561

Turned due W. down Nth boundary fence of Coburn Stn. 566

566. 3 beetles.

25.10.55

586.
Mallee - Triodia community on reddish sand. Usual sort of shrubs and much bare sand.
Rusyplia spp.(2), Caparrala sp., Senecio sp., Ucnisa guttulosa
6 acridids

587 turned due Sth along fence

587. same stuff as 586
Senecio nov. 48, Ucnisaguttulosa.
2 Acridids.

591 turned east (actually with small southerly component.)

593. same stuff as 586 & 587
Rusyplia spp.(2), Senecio sp., Morabo sp., Senecio nov. 48, Caparrala sp., Ucnisa guttulosa
12 Acridids.

Coburn Hstd. 596

683

Undulating reddish sand ridges with attractive mallee and shrubs community. Much bare sand. (Urnisiella sp.)

14 beetles, 1 acridid.

This locality is on the track from Hamelin Stn. to Tamala Stn. at southern end of Shark Bay. Mileages back to Main N.W. Coastal highway as follows.

687. turn off to Denham.

~~710. Hamelin Stn. turnoff [Hamelin Stn. about 1 mile Northerly]~~

713. Tank 5. on highway [Hamelin Stn. turnoff].

26. 10. 55

Sth. along highway.

816. Mallee, Acacias and shrubs and fair amount of dry grass and herbs on stony granitic soil. (Eusphenites cruciata, Genus nov. 42(?), Urnisa guttulosa, Goniaea spp.(?), Buforania sp.)

9 acridids, 2 beetles, 1 fly.

27. 10. 55

818. Similar soil to 816 but not so reddish in colour. Same sort of community except that no eucalypts were present and more grass and herbs. (Complistes sp., Buforania sp., Capesala sp., Genus nov. 42(?))

5 acridids

Murchison River 818.

Proceeding east along No. 3 Rabbit proof fence towards Ajana.

903. Strip of eucalypt trees and farm with odd shrubs and grass. Mostly cleared pasture or crops. (Austroicetes cruciata, Genus nov. 42(?), Goniaea spp.(?))

5 acridids

Ajana 905.

28. 10. 55

South along Gerraldton - Perth main road.

Mingenew 095

✓ 096. A few flooded gums and jam trees and shrubs.
Xpotrops sp., Eucalyptus sp., Genus nov. 42(?)
Plenty of long dry grass
13 acridids.

Moora 218.

West along Dandaragan Rd.

✓ 231 1 beetle

29. 10. 55.

~~Xiddl~~ Jurien Bay turnoff 239

~~Xiddl~~ up Jurien Bay Road to 256.

✓ 256. 2 beetles